1983 NORTHEASTERN AREA FOREST PEST CONDITIONS

Summary of the Status of the Major Forest Insect and Disease Pests

for

Connecticut
Delaware
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Wichigan
Minnesota

Missouri New Hampshire New Jersey New York Ohio

Pennsylvania Rhode Island Vermont West Virginia Wisconsin

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In 1983, the most significant insect problems were caused by defoliators. The gypsy moth and spruce budworm combined accounted for about 9 million acres of defoliation. In addition, a number of other defoliators caused losses in localized areas.

Beech bark disease, oak wilt, and Dutch elm disease caused the most disease problems over the largest area. There has been an apparent increase in disease declines due to as yet not fully known causes. Eastern larch decline and red spruce decline are widespread in the northeast. Insects and root diseases are associated with the decline and the role of air pollution and acid precipitation is being investigated. Sugar maple decline appears to be related to previous defoliation; red maple and birch decline are reported in Maine and Vermont.

These and other pest problems are listed in alphabetical order in the report. Thanks to all the people who contributed.

Status of Insects

Insect	Host	Location	Remarks
Basswood thrips Sericothrips tiliae	Basswood	Wisconsin	About 100,000 acres of mainly moderate defoliation resulted in some mortality of pole-sized trees and radial growth loss of the remaining affected trees.
		Minnesota	Light infestation in two counties,
Birch casebearer Coleophora serratella	Birch	Maine	Approximately 193,000 acres were defoliated this year.
Birch leaf	Paper birch	Minnesota	About 50,000 acres were affected. This was
Skeletonizer Bucculatrix canadensie	<u>11a</u>	Michigan Vermont	the third consecutive year of defoliation. There were 1,272 acres of light defoliation, down from 38,250 acres in 1982.
Bruce spanworm Operophtera bruceata	Sugar maple, poplar, American beech	New Hampshire	Light to moderate defoliation occurred on 18,600 acres. One 50 acre sugarbush stand was aerially treated with insecticide. About 697 acres of defoliation occurred on the White Mountain NF.
5		Vermont	Light to moderate defoliation occurred on more than 20,000 acres. Populations are expected to increase.
		Maine	About 338,000 acres of defoliation occurred this year.
Cherry lace bug Corythucha pruni	Black cherry	Pennsylvania	More than 1,000 acres of moderate to heavy defoliation with populations expected to decline.

Insect	Host	Location	Remarks
Cherry scallop shell moth Hydria prunivorata	Black Cherry	Pennsylvania Michigan West Virginia New York	Close to 80,000 acres had moderate to heavy defoliation resulting in losses of \$20/acre. Populations are continuing to increase. Success of aerial application of insecticides over 432 acres has not yet been determined. Heavy defoliation occurred on 7,820 acres. Populations are increasing in the mountainous areas of the State. Moderate to heavy defoliation occurred on 3,475 acres.
Eastern tent caterpillar Malacosoma americanum	Black cherry and crabapple	Indiana Missouri West Virginia Michigan Vermont Rhode Island	Lower populations occurred in all States.
European pine sawfly Neodiprion sertifer	Scotch pine, loblolly pine	Indiana Maryland Michigan Iowa	Moderate to heavy defoliation of Christmas trees in Southeastern Indiana. Light to moderate defoliation on more than 7,500 acres of loblolly pine in Maryland.
Fall cankerworm Alsophila pometaria	Hardwoods	Rhode Island Massachusetts Maine	Populations declined after five consecutive years of heavy poulations. Defoliation occurred on 6,190 acres.

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Fall defoliator complex Variable oak leaf caterpillar Heterocampa manteo Red humped oakworm Symmerista canicosta Pale tussock moth Halfsidota tesselaris Walkingstick Diapheromera femerata	Paper birch, basswood, oaks	Minnesota	710,000 acres of light to heavy defoliation occurred resulting primarily in slight growth losses. Reduced fall coloration and caterpillar nuisance caused heavy losses to the tourist industry.
Fall webworm Hyphantria cunea	Hardwoods	Pennsylvania Indiana Iowa Maine Rhode Island Missouri West Virginia	Roadside and yard trees with two or more webs per tree occurred Statewide. Populations are expected to decline. Continued low populations. Low populations, damage Statewide was scattered. Very heavy infestations in the Northern panhandle.

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Forest tent caterpillar Malacosoma disstria	Hardwoods	Minnesota	There were about 168,000 acres of heavy defoliation and 70,000 acres of lighter defoliation. Some stands have now been defoliated for 6 consecutive years and are showing up to 50 percent mortality.
		Michigan Vermont	Populations collapsed this year. About 180 acres were defoliated, down from 321,693 acres in 1982.
		Maine Massachusetts	About 348,000 acres were defoliated. About 135 acres were defoliated, populations are building.
		Maryland	Together with half-wing geometer and fall cankerworm, defoliation in 1982 and 1983 has caused an undetermined amount of mortality in Allegany County.
		New York	Light to heavy defoliation occurred on 25,520 acres and 3,500 acres had tree mortality.
		Wisconsin	Defoliation on nearly 300,000 acres resulted in 16,000 cords of aspen mortality.
Gypsy moth Lymantria dispar	Oaks, other hardwoods	- Connecticut - Delaware - Indiana - Maine - Maryland - Massachusetts - Michigan - New Hampshire - New Jersey - New York - Pennsylvania - Rhode Island - Wisconsin	The total acreage for the areas of moderate to heavy defoliation decreased again this year. Area wide 2.3 million acres were defoliated in 1983 compared to 8.2 million acres in 1982. Male moths have been trapped areawide. Eradication of three spot infestations was attempted in Indiana. Several spot infestations have occurred in Wisconsin, two of which have apparently been eradicated.
		Minnesota West Virginia	About 450 acres were treated to eradicate spot infestations. Nearly 17,000 acres were treated. Additional treatment is planned.

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Half-wing geometer Phigalia titea	Oak	Pennsylvania	There were about 27,000 acres of moderate to heavy defoliation mixed with gypsy moth. Populations have peaked and are expected to decline.
		West Virginia	About 35,000 acres were defoliated as part of a "looper complex" which includes the linden looper, fall cankerworm, oak leaf rollers, oak leaf tiers, forest tent caterpillar. Average mortality is 20 percent in areas of 2 successive years of defoliation.
Introduced pine sawfly Diprion similis	White pine	Indians	Moderate to heavy defoliation of 25 trees in one windbreak.
		Michigan Minnesota	Light to moderate defoliation in several locations.
Jack pine budworm Choristoneura pinus	Jack pine	Wisconsin	An undetermined amount of growth loss resulted from 155,500 acres of defoliation in 4 counties. Populations are expected to increase.
		Minnesota	Light to moderate defoliation occurred on about 2,900 acres.
		Michigan	Close to 600,000 acres were defoliated Statewide. An estimated 1.25 million cords will die if not harvested within 2 years.
Japanese beetle Popillia japonica	Many plants	Indiana	There was light to heavy defoliation Statewide. Populations continue to increase around major cities.
Leafrollers Acleris chalybeana, Pseudementera cressoni Sparganothis acerivora		Pennsylvania	More than 5,000 acres of moderate defoliation. Future population trends are \vee undetermined.

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Linden looper Erannis tiliaria	Oaks, maples, hickories	Pennsylvania	There were more than 10,000 acres of light to moderate defoliation and declining populations.
		Indiana	Previous years defoliation (together with half-wing geometer) resulted in mortality of 2,700+ trees representing 100,000-250,000 board feet. Approximately 22,000 board feet were salvaged. Populations are expected to remain at low endemic levels through 1984.
Locust leafminer Odontota dorsalis	Black locust	Indiana	Moderate to heavy defoliation in the Southern half of Indiana.
0		Maryland West Virginia Vermont	Statewide. Becoming more widespread.
Nantucket pine tip moth Rhyacionia frustrana	Scotch pine, shortleaf pine	Missouri	Christmas tree plantations across the State were damaged. Approximately 160 acres were treated with insecticides.
Oak leaf roller Archips semiferanus	0ak	Pennsylvania	About 23,000 acres of moderate to heavy defoliation occurred, 5,000 acres of which was mixed with gypsy moth. Acres infested are expected to continue increasing.
Oak skeletonizer Bucculatrix ainsliella	Oak	Michigan	Statewide in most oak stands. There were 132,840 acres of heavy defoliation.
		Rhode Island	Scattered Statewide.
Oak webworm Archips fervidanus	0ak	Michigan	About 20 percent defoliation of oaks occurred on 14,400 acres in 3 counties.
Pine scale Chionaspis heterophylla	Pines Le	Indiana	Heavy damage occurred in Fulton County.
Red humped oakworm Symmerista canicosta	0ak	Michigan	About 2,000 acres of heavy defoliation occurred in 2 counties. Populations are expected to increase.

Insect	Host	Location	Remarks
Red pine adelgid Pineus boerneri	Red pine	Connecticut Rhode Island Massachusetts	Some branch and tree mortality is occurring. Damage is similar to that of red pine scale.
Red pine scale Matsucoccus resinosae	Red pine	Connecticut New York New Jersey Pennsylvania	Heavy branch mortality and in some plantations 100 percent mortality. The infestation is spreading northwest and westward.
Red pine shoot borer Dioryctria resinosella	Red pine	Wisconsin	This outbreak in central Wisconsin over the past 10 years has resulted in a 50 percent reduction in height growth.
		Michigan	85,000 acres are infested statewide.
Redheaded pine sawfly Neodiprion lecontei	Red pine, jack pine, Scotch	Michigan	Mortality occurred in a 100 mi ² area in Wexford County.
neodipiion zeconosi	pine	Rhode Island Vermont	This was the sixth consecutive year of low populations.
Saratoga spittlebug Aphrophora saratogensis	Red pine	Wisconsin Michigan	Over 800 acres were affected of which 90 were treated with insecticide. Tree mortality and top kill occurred on 120 acres and 899 additional acres were rated as high risk areas.
Shingle oak skeletonizer Unidentified member of the Gelechiidae family	Shingle oak	Missouri	Minor defoliation occurred in 22 counties. The last outbreaks of this insect occurred in 1952.
Spruce bud moth Zeiraphera canadensis	White spruce	Vermont	Abundant in Christmas tree plantations, but damage is light and often confused with budworm.
		Maine	

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Spruce budworm Choristoneura	Balsam fir, white spruce	WISCOUSIN	Light to severe defoliation occurred over 20,000 acres.
fumiferana	wirte sprace	Minnesota	About 138,700 acres were defoliated.
		Manneso da	Mortality incurred from previous years defoliation totaled 493,800 cords of fir and 8,000 cords of spruce.
		Michigan	Defoliation occurred on about 145,952 acres
		New Hampshire	About 5,800 acres of defoliation. Mortality from previous defoliation is being salvaged.
		Maine	There were about 4.0 million acres of moderate to heavy defoliation and 2.0 million acres of light defoliation. Over
			300,000 acres had more than 50 percent fir mortality. Moderate to heavy defoliation is expected to decrease to 3.0
			million acres in 1984. In addition, 35,000 acres of Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Indian lands were defoliated.
		Vermont	More than 178,000 acres were defoliated.
			Trees on 1,712 acres were protected by aerial application of $\underline{B} \cdot \underline{t}$.
Tuliptree scale Toumeyella liriodendri	Yellow poplar	Indiana	Moderate to heavy damage to ornamentals occurred in southern Indiana.
		West Virginia	Extremely heavy populations presently are statewide.
White pine weevil Pissodes strobi	Jack pine, white pine,	Michigan	Weevil damage has increase in the past 20 years statewide.
	spruce, fir, red pine	Rhode Island Vermont Maine	Moderate to heavy populations statewide.

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Stem and Branch			
Beech bark disease Cryptococcus fagisuga; Nectria coccinea var. faginata	American beech	Pennsylvania West Virginia Vermont New York New Hampshire Maine Rhode Island Connecticut Massachusetts	Status in Pennsylvania since 1982 has remained static. Losses are expected to increase. Mortality in West Virginia occurred on 18,000 acres. Nectria galligena is apparently killing beech in addition to N. coccinea var. faginata. Beech scale is present on 125,000 acres. About 90,945 acres with 30-100 percent of American beech dead.
Europen larch canker Lachnellula willkommii	Eastern larch	Maine	Present in 1 county. The oldest cankers of this disease are 13 years old. A quarantine is expected to be implemented.
Fusarium canker Fusarium spp.	Black walnut	Minnesota	Fifty percent of all stems in three plantations were infected, probably resulting from the fungi invading through pruning and other branch wounds during the growing season.
Hypoxylon canker Hypoxylon mammatum	Aspen	Minnesota Michigan Wisconsin	In Minnesota, 33,100 acres of aspen had H. mammatum or Phellinus tremulae (white trunkrot) infections representing 72 percent of the area surveyed.
Scleroderris canker Gremmeniella abietina	Red pine, jack pine	Wisconsin Michigan Vermont Maine New York	No significant increase in the number of trees infected, except in northern Wisconsin. Approximately 1,800 acres under quarantine.

Disease	Host	Location	Remarks
Vascular Wilt		*	
Dutch elm disease Ceratocystis ulmi	Elm	Areawide	Fence row, other wild and ornamental trees are still being killed. In Wisconsin 23 percent of the 1968 population was still alive.
Oak wilt Ceratocystis fagacearum	0ak	Indiana Michigan Missouri Minnesota West Virginia Wisconsin Iowa	Scattered, wilted trees in infected counties throughout the reporting States.
Root Disease			*
Annosus root rot Heterobasidion annosum	Conifers	Vermont Maine	Disease remained static. Damage increases as plantations reach an age when thinning is needed.
Phytophthora root rot Phytophthora cinnamomi	Douglas-fir, white fir, Fraser fir, rhododendron	West Virginia counties.	Presently known to occur in 7 counties. It is becoming a major concern statewide.
Shoestring root rot Armillariella mellea	Red pine	Ohio Michigan	About 20-30 percent of trees 40-50 years old in plantations in southern and southeastern Ohio were killed. Continued mortality is expected to occur. Plantations are being pre-emptively salvaged and planting and thinning practices are being reviewed.

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White pine root decline Verticicladiella procera	White pine	Indiana` West Virginia	Widespread throughout reporting States. West Virginia loses 5-7 percent of its annual Christmas tree crop to the disease.
Foliage Disease			
Anthracnose Gnomonia spp. Gloeosporium spp.	Sycamore, oak, ash, hickory	Pennsylvania Indiana Missouri West Virginia Ohio Iowa Vermont	Very heavy defoliation in all States reporting anthracnose diseases.
Bifusella needlecast Bifusella linearis	White pine	West Virginia	This was the first time this disease was reported in West Virginia.
Diplodia tip blight <u>Diplodia pinea</u>	Austrian pine, Scotch pine, red pine, jack pine	Ohio Indiana Wisconsin Pennsylvania Missouri Minnesota Massachusetts	Scattered, primarily on shade and ornamental trees.
Larch needlecast Mycosphaerella laricina	European larch	Wisconsin	Plantations in 6 counties are infected.



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Decline			
Ash decline	Ash	Pennsylvania Indiana Ohio West Virginia Iowa Vermont New York	In Pennsylvania, 367 acres in Sullivan County had 31-60 percent branch dieback. Damage in Indiana is most severe in the northeastern counties. Symptoms in West Virginia suggest this problem may now be occurring there. Fusicoccum sp. was commonly isolated from affected branches.
Larch decline	Larch	Vérmont New York Maine	Decline symptoms appeared on about 3,500 acres. Mortality is associated with Eastern larch beetle (Dendroctonus simplex) and Armillariella mellea.
Maple decline	Maple	Michigan Vermont Maine	Symptoms appear primarily on roadside and and ornamental trees tatewide.
Red spruce decline	Red spruce	Vermont New York New Hampshire	Decline was more evident at upper elevations than in the past. Decline occurred on 37,320 acres representing 102,540 cords. Approximately 53,775 acres had mortality associated with eastern spruce bark beetle (Dendroctonus obesus). In White mountain region at higher elevation.
Animal Damage			
Pine Vole Microtus pinetorium	Nursery trees	Maryland	Extensive subsoil girdling in some nursery beds. Rodenticides were partly successful in reducing populations.

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Abiotic				
Air pollution damage (SO ₂ ,O ₃)	White pine	Wisconsin	Damage is prevalent throughout southern and central counties.	
Drought	All trees	Many States Areawide	This was one of the worst droughts in 50 years. Some areas experienced up to a 6-inch deficit compared to normal years. Drought probably contributes to many decline symptoms.	V
White pine needle blight	White pine	Vermont	Browning of needles thought to be weather related.	

Pests Which Caused Minor Damage in 1983

Insect	Host	Location
Arborvitae leaf miner Argyresthia thuiella	Northern white cedar	Vermont
Aspen blotch miner Lithocolletis tremuloidiella	Aspen	Michigan
Aspen leafroller complex Choristoneura conflictana Anacampsis sp.	Aspen	Michigan
Balsam fir sawfly Neodiprion abietis	Balṣam fir	Michigan
Balsam gall midge Paradiplosis tumifex	Balsam fir	Maine Vermont
Balsam twig aphid Mindarus abietinus	Balsam fir	Vermont Maine
Birch leafminer Fenusa pusilla	Paper birch Gray birch	Vermont Michigan Rhode Island
Bagworm Thyridopteryx ephemeraeformis	Arborvitae, eastern red cedar, pines and hardwoods	Indiana
Eastern pine shoot borer Eucosma gloriola	Jack pine	Michigan
Bronze birch borer Agrilus anxius	Ornamental birches	Indiana Michigan
Cone insects Choristoneura fumiferana	White spruce	Minnesota
Dioryctria abietella	White spruce,	Minnesota
Castern spruce gall adelgid Adelges abietis	Spruce	Vermont

Insect	Host	Location
Elm leaf beetle Pyrrhalta luteola	Elm	Vermont
Green-striped mapleworm Anisota rubicunda	Maple	Maine
Imported willow leaf beetle Plagiodera versicolora	Willow	Michigan
Ips bark beetles Ips spp.	Pines, Norway spruce	Indiana Minnesota Michigan
Larch casebearer Coleophora laricella	Larch	Maine
Larch sawfly Pristiphora erichsonii	European larch	Maine Michigan Rhode Island New York
Locust twig borer Ecdytolopha insiticiana	Black locust	Indiana
Maple leaf cutter Paraclemensia acerifoliella	Maples	Michigan Vermont
Maple petiole borer Caulocampus acericaulis	Maples	Indiana
Maple trumpet skeletonizer Epinotia aceriella	Sugar maple	Michigan Vermont
Maple webworm Tetralopha asperatella	Sugar maple	Vermont
Mountain ash sawfly Pristiphora geniculata	Mountain ash	Vermont
Oak leaftier Croesia semipurpurana	0ak	Vermont Maine
Oblique-banded leaf roller Choristoneura rosaceana	Poplar, birch	Maine

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Orange-striped oakworm Anisota senatoria	Oak	Maryland
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Pine bark adelgid Pineus strobi	White pine	Indiana West Virginia
Pine chafer Anomala oblivia	Pines	Michigan
Pine needle sheath miner Zelleria haimbachi	Jack pine	Michigan
Pine root collar weevil	Scotch pine	Indiana
Hylobius radicis	•	Michigan
Pine spittlebug Aphrophora parallela	Scotch pine, jack pine, white pine	Michigan Vermont
Red-headed jack pine sawfly Neodiprion virginianus	Jack pine	Michigan
Red pine needle midge Thecodiplosis piniresinosae	Red pine Scotch pine	Michigan
Saddled prominent Heterocampa guttivitta	Beech, birch, maple	Vermont
Satin moth Leucoma salicis	Poplar	Maine
Spruce coneworm Dioryctria reniculelloides	Spruce	Maine
Walnut casebearers Acrobasis juglandis & A. demotella	Black walnut	Indiana
Walnut caterpillar Datana integerrima	Black walnut	Indiana
White grubs Phyllophaga sp.	Red pine	Michigan

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Uglynest caterpillar Archips cerasivoranus	Choke cherry	Vermont
Variable oak leaf caterpillar Heterocampa manteo	Beech, Paper birch	Michigan
Yellowheaded spruce sawfly Pikonema alaskensis	White spruce Blue spruce	Michigan Vermont Maine

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Stem and Branch		
Atropellis canker Atropellis tingens	Scotch pine	West Virginia
Black knot Apiosporina morbosa	Cherry	Vermont
Butternut canker Sirococcus clavignenti	Butternut	Iowa Wisconsin
Cytospora canker Cytospora kunzei	Norway spruce, Colorado blue spruce	West Virginia Vermont
Eastern gall rust Endocronartium harknessii	Jack pine, Scotch pine	Michigan Minnesota Wisconsin
Hypoxylon canker Hypoxylon mammatum	Aspen	Vermont
Nectria canker Nectria galligena	Birch	Maine
Redbud canker Botryosphaeria dothidea	Redbud	Indiana
Red pine shoot blight Sirococcus strobilinus	Red pine	Wisconsin Maine
Spruce twig blight Ascochyta piniperda	Norway spruce, white spruce	Rhode Island
White pine blister rust Cronartium ribicola	White pine	Vermont Maine
Foliage Disease		
Actinopelte leaf spot Actinopelte dryina	Oak	Wisconsin
Ash leaf rust Puccinia sparganioides	Ash	Maine
Bullseye leaf spot Cristulariella pyramidalis	Maple, ash, other hardwoods	West Virginia

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Dothistroma needle blight Dothistroma pini	Au	strian pind	e	Missouri I•wa	
Fir-fern rust Uredinopsis mirabilis	Ва	lsam fir		Vermont Maine	
Hypoderma needlecast Hypoderma lethale	Pi	tch pine		West Virginia	1
Lophodermium needlecast Lophodermium pinastri	Sc	otch pine		Indiana Wisconsin West Virginia Vermont Maine	١
Marssonina leaf spot Marssonina spp.	As	pen	V	Michigan	
Naemacyclus needlecast Naemacyclus minor	Sc	otch pine		West Virginia	
Rhizosphaera needlecast Rhizosphaera kalkhoffi	Sp	ruce		West Virginia Michigan Maine	
Rhabdocline needlecast Rhabdocline pseudotsugae	Do	ouglas-fir		Maine	
Swiss needlecast Phaeocryptopus gaumannae	Do	ouglas-fir		Michigan Iowa Vermont Maine	
Tarspot needlecast Davisomycella ampla	Ja	ck pine		Minnesota Michigan	
Other					
Cone rust Chrysomyxa pirolata	Wh	ite spruce		Minnesota	
Frost	A1	1 trees	1/	Michigan	

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Pinewood nematode Bursaphelenchus xylophilus	Conifers		Areawide
Porcupine Erethizon dorsatum	Conifers		Vermont
Verticilluim wilt Verticilluim	Maple	,	Michigan Vermont

State	Defoli	Defoliation Intensity $\frac{2}{}$		
Jeacc	Moderate	Heavy	Total 3/	
Connecticut	100,798	52,441	153,239	
Delaware	1,855	1,137	2,992	
Maine	4,574	11,711	16,285	
Maryland	11,562	4,308	15,870	
Massachusetts	84,045	64,088	148,133	
Michigan	85	372	457	
New Hampshire	560	0	560	
New Jersey	156,930	183,355	340,285	
New York	183,554	107,289	290,843	
Pennsylvania	1,003,770	357,054	1,360,824	
Rhode Island	38,590	15,290	53,880	
Total	1,586,323	797,045	2,383,368	

^{1/} Based upon State-conducted aerial detection surveys.

 $[\]frac{2}{}$ Moderate defoliation = 31-60 percent. Heavy defoliation = 61-100 percent.

^{3/} USDA Forest Service did not ask States to report light defoliation (<30 percent). Some States, however, report light defoliation for their own purposes.





